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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

Town of Littleton,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

LITTLETON, N. H.

"REPUBLIC" BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

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Receipts from March 1, 1876 to March 1, 1877

Cash in treasury, Mar. 1, 1876,	\$	509	25
Received of Geo. Farr, bal. in Barrett case,		1386	00
“ Grafton County, pauper claims,		1883	05
“ E. C. Stevens, in part for sup- port J. Markley,		10	66
“ Savings Bank tax,		1538	39
“ Railroad tax,		235	21
“ Literary Fund,		292	50
“ R. F. Webb in part support of McLeod girl,		110	00
“ Whitefield, support of paupers,		21	85
“ G. F. Abbott, overpaid bill,		9	70
“ Henry Richardson, “		4	00
“ A. McIntire, articles sold from Annis farm,		6	00
“ G. B. Redington, bal. due in set- tlement with F. Tilton,		19	06
“ L. P. Parker, Collector,		18321	20
			\$24,346 87

Disbursements.

STATE TAX.

To treasurer of State, \$2372 00

COUNTY TAX.

To treasurer of County, 2246 21

PRECINCT TAX.

Littleton Fire District, 600 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

To the several districts,	\$4592 50
To No. 12 as reported last year,	110 06
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	\$4702 56

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Union School District,	\$3200 00
District No. 7,	11 50
“ 4,	25 00
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	\$3236 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Alex. McIntire, services of Selectmen,	\$ 210 00
H. W. Smith, “ “	192 50
J. K. Dunbar, “ “	162 50
L. P. Parker, Collector	309 12
Dennis Wheeler, services Supt. Com.,	90 00
C. E. Milliken, “ Union district,	15 00
A. S. Batchellor, “ “	10 00
Curtis Gates, police service,	10 00
F. H. Smith, “	10 00
Lovell Taylor, “	10 00
A. H. Bowman, “	10 00
Wm. Atwood, “	10 00
H. W. Smith, town Clerk,	50 87
Alonzo Weeks, Treasurer,	65 00
O. G. Hale, Auditor, 1876.	15 00
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	\$1169 99

P. & O. RAIL ROAD.

G. B. Redington, services,	10 05
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TOWN PAUPERS.

For support of Polyette Annis,	\$ 20 00
“ “ Saml. Towne,	15 00
“ “ Jacob Markley,	27 66
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	\$ 62 66

COUNTY PAUPERS.

For support of	Loren Plant family,	\$ 105 79
"	" Mrs. Gonyer,	112 59
"	" John Messer "	57 52
"	" Willie Palmer,	57 00
"	" Elizabeth Steere,	25 00
"	" Barbara Steere,	3 00
"	" Elizabeth Shute,	3 00
"	" Mrs. Martha Heath,	44 00
"	" Wm. Sherwood,	245 55
"	" S. Wallace family,	145 09
"	" J. Q. Hunt "	102 77
"	" Hollis Palmer,	115 56
"	" Mrs. J. Hurd family,	155 92
"	" E. Haines "	44 80
"	" Lewis Guy "	49 78
"	" Mrs. C. F. Knapp family,	192 43
"	" Geo. Carpenter,	46 42
"	" Lewis Ashland,	11 00
"	" Lathrop Child,	25 00
"	" Lorenzo Plant,	3 97
"	" Asenath Clough,	42 00
"	" H. Williams family,	68 49
"	" Pat. Quinn "	5 34
"	" Benj. Streeter,	6 07
"	" Katie McLeod,	149 96
"	" David Ricker,	32 26
"	" Lewis Garnor,	24 54
"	" Charles Nute,	80 75
"	" W. Allison,	2 65
"	" Mrs. Carr,	39 13
"	" Lewis Cadurette,	6 25
"	" Oliver Biron,	93 15
"	" Merrick Russell,	122 59
"	" Laban Ainsworth family,	43 75
"	" Hiram Chaffee,	39 00
"	" Mrs. Nutting,	7 50
"	" Charles Piper,	15 26
"	" Annie Hicks,	10 50
"	" Julia Defossee,	5 00
"	" Mrs. John Finn,	10 10
"	" Small Pox patients &c.,	480 18

 \$2830 69

TRANSIENT PAUPERS.

Support of sundry persons,

73 74

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

C. F. Lewis, labor and timber,	\$ 190 70
Oliver Biron, labor,	18 50
David Moffett, labor and timber,	8 27
Myron Carter, "	11 00
Elijah Fitch, "	5 00
H. T. Markley, "	16 00
S. Cleasby, " Dist. No. 25,	35 00
J. C. Quimby, building new road,	158 00
E. S. Burgin, labor,	1 50
Robert Clough, "	14 65
A. M. Fuller, labor,	4 00
M. M. Little, plank and drawing same,	11 32
Amos Annis, labor,	1 25
J. K. Dunbar, " and cash paid out,	118 90
R. C. Towne, "	10 25
John Bergin, "	1 50
C. & C. F. Eastman, powder, fuse and oil for bridge,	9 36
Albert Fuller, labor,	8 00
Hiram Steere, labor,	1 50
C. L. Albee, "	27 00
Horace Cushman, labor,	4 35
F. C. Albee, "	27 50
Carter Jackman, "	15 00
Charles Fuller, "	4 20
Robert Moore, " on bridges,	12 25
L. H. Dodge, "	4 80
J. L. Rowe, "	4 00
Thomas Bickford Jr., labor,	15 10
Benj. Sawyer, "	13 25
William Moffett, "	2 50
Myron Page, "	3 50
Alex. McIntire, " on bridge,	4 00
O. W. Chafee, "	10 25
J. B. Mooney, "	7 00
C. T. Carpenter, "	12 00
Shepard Carter, "	6 75
Ransom Huntton, "	7 57
Geo. Carter, " and timber,	29 10
Fred Fulford, "	5 85
C. W. Bedell, "	19 47
C. E. Dunbar, "	15 82
Warren McIntire, "	22 30
Albert Carpenter, "	7 18

L. R. Bagley, bolts for bridge,	\$ 1 50
Rufus Foster, arches for bridge.	450 00
C. P. Carter, labor,	9 25
M. O. Eaton,	18 26
S. R. Howland,	18 00
H. C. Redington & Co., timber,	43 50
William Little, labor,	14 00
Granville Little. "	3 00
Charles McCarty, "	50
H. M. Parks, spikes,	7 77
S. M. Hurlburt, labor,	10 00
J. W. Remick, "	6 12
J. A. Albee, "	24 00
Arza Eastman, "	6 00
Hubbard Hadlock, "	2 25
Littleton Lumber Co., timber,	3 96
Elisha Swett, labor,	18 00
Moses Glode, cleaning snow off bridge,	2 00
C. & C. F. Eastman, plank for scythe factory bridge and road,	102 48
G. D. Shute, labor,	11 50
Eaton, Tarbell & Co., plank,	32 24
James Moffett, powder and fuse,	1 86
H. A. Bishop, labor,	7 22
E. O. Wheeler, "	4 37
Geo. Patten, "	9 50
Russell Steere, "	3 00
J. W. Merrill, "	2 50
W. D. Huse, "	2 85
Thos. J. Albee, "	15 00
S. J. Albee, "	34 00
Wm. Eudy, "	3 00
John C. Quimby, "	16 00

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CEMETERIES.

Painting &c. on the Meadow Cemetery fence.	21 93
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AMOS ANNIS FARM.

Paid balance of debts,	\$ 81 47
Insurance and repairs,	21 09

\$ 102 56

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. J. Barrett, surveying road, 1875,	\$ 4 00
Fitzgerald & Chandler, damage to engine, 1875,	10 00
P. C. Wilkins, map of the town, 1875,	30 00
Bingham & Mitchell, legal services, 1875,	111 00
Wm. Atwood, sheriff fees in Holland case,	7 38
E. D. Rand, legal service, 1874,	8 00
G. B. Redington, time spent in Barrett case, 1874-5,	37 79
C. M. Tuttle, medical services, Curtis case,	81 50
G. W. Barrett, cleaning and warming town hall,	10 00
Rent, town hall,	100 00
Ira Bass, lighting bridge,	10 00
G. C. Furber, printing report,	25 00
David Palmer, lighting bridge,	4 00
J. Carpenter, damage to wagon,	2 00
Wallace & Robins, stationery and books,	19 69
Lewis Biron, lighting bridge,	18 00
C. C. Smith, repairing lanterns for bridge,	50
A. S. Batchellor, legal services,	5 00
H. W. Smith, cash paid for R. R. fare, horse hire &c.,	19 01
Mrs. Sarah Brooks, damage and referee ex- penses,	181 77
Alex. McIntire, cash paid for R. R. fare, horse hire &c.,	22 05
John W. Farr, use water trough, 1876,	3 00
Mrs. L. H. Eastman, waste water,	4 00
Theron Allen, use water trough, 1875-6,	6 00
Hildreth & Calhoun, " 1876,	1 50
Russell Steere, " 1875-6,	6 00
J. L. Foster, services as Police Justice,	42 42
J. M. Charlton, damage to wagon,	5 00
L. R. Bagley, damage to Horse,	22 00
G. W. Ruland, damage to sleigh,	3 00
Dunn & Simpson, rent of lobby,	40 00
" making ballot box &c.,	3 05
Bingham & Mitchell, legal services, 1876,	56 62
G. C. Furber, printing police notices and rec'pts,	11 00
J. J. Barrett, surveying road,	3 00
Miss Elliott, damage to carriage,	6 50
B. F. McIntire, wood for Selectmen's room,	3 75
C. M. Tuttle, board of health expenses,	13 00
J. K. Dunbar, R. R. fare, horse hire &c.,	15 00

EXCESS OF TAXES.

Robins estate, 1875-6,	\$ 40 00
J. E. Robins, 1876,	29 55
Alden Moffitt, 1875,	15 00
L. O. Place, 1875,	1 50
M. Sulloway, 1874-5,	12 18
N. S. Cooley, 1875,	7 50
Parker & Young,	2 00
Madison Higgins, 1874-5,	10 62
C. P. Crouch, 1873,	4 38
J. L. Whittaker, 1875,	3 20
Truman Stevens, 1876,	9 85
Geo. Gile, 1876,	1 95
John Smillie, 1876,	5 25
F. S. Morse, 1876,	1 30
J. W. Remick, 1876,	6 95
Mrs. L. M. Hodgman, 1876,	5 30
Joel Bronson, 1876,	14 30

\$ 170 83

DEBTS CONTRACTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1876.

Paid coupons on town bonds,	\$1913 00
“ J. C. Hicks, note and interest,	229 21
“ Ellen M. Cobb. “	37 46
“ Lydia A. Cobb “	121 96
“ Bridget O'Brien, “	162 83
“ Druzella Shay, “	1372 53
“ Gilman Wheeler, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
“ Hildreth & Calhoun. “ “	4 00
“ O. W. Chaffee. “ “	4 00
“ C. L. Albee. “ “	4 00

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ORDERS GIVEN PREVIOUS TO MARCH 1, 1876.

Curtis Gates & Co., medicine &c.,	\$ 8 45
Augustus Plant, breaking road,	6 00
Austin Plant, “	2 00
F. C. Albee, land for Cemetery,	37 25
Moses Carter, work on road,	18 50
John W. English, plank,	3 85
Albert Fuller, labor on bridge,	1 75
J. M. Charlton, sheep killed,	6 00

H. G. Watson, police service,	\$ 10 00
Abijah Allen, wood for E. Carpenter,	2 00
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	\$ 95 80

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds,	\$32100 00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1877,	642 00
Coupons unpaid,	120 00
Due Thompson children on note,	191 89
Due R. K. Stevens, " "	513 26
Due sundry persons, sheep killed by dogs,	135 00
Due L. T. Dow on note for expenses, 4th of	
July celebration,	336 37
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	\$34038 52

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1877,	\$ 47 73
In Annis farm,	838 56
Due from County for support of paupers,	2596 00
“ L. P. Parker, collector, 1876,	5664 60
“ E. D. Sawyer and others on note	1041 69
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	\$10188 58
Indebtedness of town above assets,	\$23849 94
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March 1st, 1876,	\$27302 72
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Indebtedness reduced during the year,	\$ 3452 78

Having been appointed Auditor at the last Annual Town Meeting would say that I have examined the books and vouchers of Alonzo Weeks, Town Treasurer, and find his accounts correct, and that he has the proper orders and vouchers for all sums paid out.

I have also examined the books and papers of the Selectmen and find they have kept a correct record of all orders they have issued and that they have receipted bills for amount of each order given.

I find that the note reported among the liabilities of the town last year as due Geo. Leslie or bearer, \$1607.13 was paid March 1st, 1870. No record of the fact being made on the note book of the town and the Auditors of 1870-71-72-73 and 74 having reported it as due, I had supposed it still unpaid and have so reported it for two years past, but the fact of its being paid by the statute of limitation led me to go "behind the returns" of my predecessors in office and I find the facts as above reported.

O. G. HALE, Auditor.

Littleton, N. H., March 1st, 1877.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Upon the matter of the P. & O. R. R. with the Town of Littleton.

Your Committee respectfully report that pursuant to instructions given at a town meeting held July 11, 1874, they commenced a suit at law, August 30, 1875, returnable to the Sept. Term of Court in this County, in the name of the Town against the P. & O. R. R., to recover money expended by the town in obtaining a charter and making surveys. Immediately after the commencement of said suit at law, the committee commenced a suit in Chancery in the name of the town against the P. & O. R. R. and obtained a temporary injunction to restrain the said road from building a section of two miles from Scott's Mills to the west bank of Connecticut River and they bought five shares of the capital stock of the P. & O. R. R. and transferred three shares of the same to Geo. B. Redington and commenced a suit in Chancery upon the same in his name as a stockholder (there being a technical objection to bringing this action in the name of the town) and obtained a temporary injunction to restrain said Road from building said section of two miles; this suit being wholly for the benefit of the town it was agreed that the town should pay all the expenses of carrying it on. The Court having ordered bonds in a large amount in both of said Chancery suits, they were obtained upon individual responsibility, and thereupon the work of building said section of two miles of Road was arrested.

H. C. Redington & Co. also having claims against said road brought two suits at law at the same term of Court in their own behalf and at their own expense, and it was agreed that the two parties should cooperate in prosecuting said suits and render mutual assistance. At the Sept. Term of Court, 1875, after a partial hearing on said suits in Chancery the managers of said Road

asked for terms of settlement and the withdrawal of the suits and injunctions. The Committee after full consultation and discussion with the managers of said Road concluded to take \$1200.00 which it was then thought would reimburse the Town for all money paid out. A settlement was also made between H. C. Redington & Co. and the Road by which said Road was to pay them \$750.00 including costs. While this negotiation was pending the agents of an association of 24 individuals who had purchased a farm in the town of Carroll commanding the right of way for said Road in the direction of Whitefield and Dalton made a claim upon the Town for reimbursement on account of the depreciation in the value of said farm and insisted that this claim should be adjusted in the settlement, on the ground that said association had purchased said farm for the sole purpose of aiding the Town in compelling said Road to build through Littleton according to its charter. The Committee knowing said claim to be equitable made a claim for an additional sum of \$300.00 upon said Road which they agreed to pay. Thereupon it having been agreed by said Road to pay said several sums of \$1200.00, \$750.00 and \$300.00 in full satisfaction for all the suits, injunctions and costs, which was paid by a single draft for \$2250.00 on the Treasurer of the Road endorsed by the managers individually to the order of the Committee for the convenience of all concerned in collecting, and upon the collection of the draft \$750.00 was paid to H. C. Redington & Co., \$300.00 was paid to the agents of the Carroll farm association, and \$1200.00 was disbursed by the Committee for expenses and paid over to the Town Treasurer agreeably to the annexed statement.

The basis of this settlement and one purpose for which it was made was, that there was a negotiation pending between the P. & O. R. R. and the B. C. & M. R. R. for the latter to draw the cars of the other road between the Fabyan Place and Scott's Mills, and that one object of the P. & O. Road in settling said suits was to enable them to enter into an agreement with the B. C. & M. Road to draw their cars between those two points, and another was to enable them to make a connection with the Vermont divisions of said Road to aid them in selling their bonds, upon the consolidated line, which they were then in negotiation

to do and in consideration of the withdrawal of the said injunctions the P. & O. Road agreed to give to the Littleton interest an equitable tariff for freights and passengers so far as they might be able to do by completing said arrangement with the B. C. & M. Road.

That said arrangement was completed and a tariff fixed which resulted in a reduction of freight from former rates averaging \$471.40 per month for the last half year of 1876. That a connection of trains to accommodate the freight and passenger traffic was arranged and maintained for the accomodation of the Littleton interests and the public at large till some time last fall when it was broken off by the P. & O. Road contrary to good faith in carrying out their arrangements as herein stated.

The Committee pursued the matter before the Courts far enough to determine in the minds of both parties—plaintiffs and defendants—that the Court would hold that the P. & O. R. R. had no right by law to build their road in any other direction than through Littleton; they also became satisfied that there was a willingness on the part of the B. C. & M. R. R. that the P. & O. R. R. should make a connection with that road at Scott's Mills in the direction from the Connecticut River in Dalton as before mentioned, coupled with a proposition on the part of the B. C. & M. R. R. to draw the cars of the P. & O. R. R. between the Fabyan Place and Scott's Mills, under a temporary arrangement, and the committee concluded that it would be useless for the town to contend against such a connection and thereby incur larger expenses and more risks, and forego the opportunity of recovering by compromise money enough or nearly enough to pay expenses already incurred and in view also of what seemed to be the fact, that whatever amount might be obtained in judgment against the P & O. R. R. there would not be anything found wherewith to satisfy it, which impression now appears to be entirely correct. The Committee append to this report a statement marked A accounting for the money which they have received and expended, also a statement marked B showing the expenditures by the town and the amount recovered, resulting in a balance of \$541.59 expended more than recovered back in offset to which there has been an advantage gained of a reduction on

freights coming to Littleton Depot aggregating \$5657.88 per year according to the monthly average before stated.

The Committee recommend that the Town keep a careful watch over this interest to maintain the benefits already obtained and improve such further chances for like benefits as may occur.

GEO. A. BINGHAM, } Committee
HENRY L. TILTON, } on
EVARTS W. FARR, } P. & O. R. R.

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COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF LITTLETON, DR.

To cash received of Town,	\$ 250 00
“ collected of P. & O. R. R.,	1500 00
“ of Town to buy P. & O. R. R. stock,	100 00
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	\$1850 00

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By paid C. C. Bowman's bill,	\$ 32 90
“ R. S. Howe's “	34 50
“ H. L. Tilton's “	77 50
“ Howard & Cleave's “ Portland,	41 00
“ A. S. Batchellor's “	7 45
“ Carroll farm Association,	300 00
“ Town per Treasurer's receipt,	1000 00
“ Town balance unexpended,	256 65
“ for 5 shares P. & O. R. R. stock,	100 00
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	\$1850 00

MONEY RECEIVED AND EXPENDED BY THE TOWN.

Amount collected of P. & O. R. R.,	\$1500 00	
“ received of Town to buy P. & O. stock, 100 00		
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		\$1600 00
Paid Bingham & Mitchell's bill, paid by town,	\$ 50 00	
“ Geo. A. Bingham, 1874,	50 00	
“ “ “ matter settled in 1875,	132 77	
“ Farr & Stevens bill, services, paid by town,	167 00	
“ “ “ for money paid out,	138 25	
“ “ “ A. P. Carpenter's bill	30 00	
“ “ “ Furber's bill,	21 00	
“ H. C. Redington & Co.s bill, for		
“ money paid out, paid by town,	9 22	
“ C. C. Bowman's bill, paid by committee,	32 90	
“ H. L. Tilton “ “ “	77 50	
“ R. S. Howe “ “ “	34 50	
“ Howard & Cleaves', Portland,	41 00	
“ A. S. Batchellor's “ “	7 45	
“ for 5 shares P. & O. R. R., of no value,		
“ paid by committee,	100 00	
Amount due C. Hartshorn, estimated unpaid,	15 00	
Paid Carroll Farm Association,	300 00	
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		\$1206 59
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		\$ 393 41
Amount expended by former Committee,	\$ 935 00	
Deduct gain as above	393 41	
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Expenses over amount received,	\$ 541 59	



